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ROUTE 7 IN NORTHERN LAOS IS OBSERVED IN ITS ENTIRETY FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH ROUTE 13 TO THE NORTH VIETNAM BORDER. GIANT NAIL MISSIONS OF 3, 4, AND 5 OCTOBER 1969, REVEAL THE ROUTE TO BE SERVICEABLE BUT IN DISUSE FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH ROUTE 13 EAST FOR APPROXIMATELY 12 NAUTICAL MILES TO 19-29-10N 102-38-08E (UTM 48QTG518562). FROM THIS POINT EAST THROUGH MUONG SOU TO XIENG-KHOUANG, THE ROAD IS IN DISUSE AND INTERDICTED AT SEVERAL PLACES. CONTINUING EASTWARD, IN THE IMMEDIATE AREA OF THE PLAINE DES JARRES (PDJ), THE ROUTE APPEARS TO HAVE HAD LIMITED RECENT USE; HOWEVER, NORTHEAST OF THE PDJ TO BAN BAN, THE ROAD REMAINS UNSERVICEABLE DUE TO INTERDICTIONS AND LANDSLIDES.

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